

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants submit this Response to Advisory Action in reply to the Advisory Action mailed December 9, 2004.

In this Response, Applicants cancel claims 34-40. Before entry of this Response, claims 1-49 were pending in this application. After this response, claims 1-33 and 42-49 are pending in this application.

Drawings

The Applicants thank the Examiner for accepting the drawings submitted on February 24, 2004.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims 1-33 and 42-49 are allowable.

Rejected Subject Matter

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner continued the rejection of claims 34-40.

Applicants continue to traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 34-40. In order to advance prosecution of this case, however, the Applicants have canceled claims 34-40, but applicants reserve the right to pursue such claims in a continuing application. In a telephonic interview on January 13, 2005, the Examiner agreed to enter a response canceling claims 34-40 as placing the present application in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If a conversation might advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned (202-408-4100).

The Advisory Action contains numerous statements reflecting characterizations about the invention(s), the claims, and the related art with which Applicants do not necessarily agree.

If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required and is not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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